

Appl. No. : 09/379,704
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REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 29, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the above-captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

New Claims Have Been Added

Each of the cancelled claims was previously rejected over a myriad of references. While Applicant may not agree with the bases of rejection set forth in the previous Office Action, Applicant has cancelled each of the previously pending claims and has provided ten new claims that are believed to define over any combination of the applied references. Thus, the previous rejections are now moot. The cancelled claims, or claims similar thereto, may be pursued in a related application and, thus, Applicant is not acquiescing to the rejections.

CONCLUSIONS

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims and specification. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and therefore issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

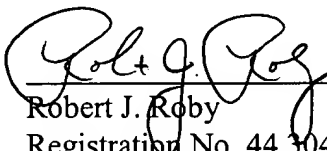
The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the rejections and objections in the case, and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants attorney, Robert J. Roby at (949)721-6359 (direct line), in order to resolve such issues promptly.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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